

TOWN OF DAVIE
TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM/PHONE: Evelyn Roig - Assistant Town Clerk

PREPARED BY: Evelyn Roig

SUBJECT: Minutes

AFFECTED DISTRICT: N/A

ITEM REQUEST: Schedule for Council Meeting

TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM: March 3, 2010 (Workshop)

REPORT IN BRIEF: Council minutes from the March 3, 2010 Second Amended Inter-Local Agreement for Public School Facility Planning Workshop workshop.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS:

CONCURRENCES:

FISCAL IMPACT: not applicable

Has request been budgeted? n/a

Additional Comments:

RECOMMENDATION(S): Motion to approve resolution

Attachment(s): March 3, 2010 Workshop Minutes

**TOWN OF DAVIE
WORKSHOP
MARCH 3, 2010**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present at the meeting were Mayor Paul, Vice-Mayor Crowley and Councilmembers Caletka and Luis. Councilmember Starkey was absent. Also present was Assistant Town Clerk Roig recording the meeting.

3. SECOND AMENDED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITY PLANNING

Lisa Wright, Planner from the Broward County School District, introduced Thomas Coates, Executive Director of Facility Management Planning and Site Acquisition and another planner from the Growth Management Department.

Ms. Wright explained that public school concurrency applied to all school boards and local governments that did not qualify for exemption. Concurrency was a growth management law requiring that infrastructure be in place to serve development at the time development impact occurs. It had been extended to schools in 2005. Ms. Wright said the law required that the concurrency test be performed at the plat or site plan development review phase. If it was determined that school capacity could not support the development, the project would be denied. The developer could choose to wait up to five years for compliance, or to propose proportionate share mitigation to pay for the costs to supply the needed capacity. There were five key requirements to public school concurrency:

- To amend the existing Interlocal Agreement for public facility planning to incorporate public school concurrency provisions [this had been done in 2008]
- Local governments had to adopt a public school facilities element into their comprehensive plans
- Establish a uniform level of service standard district-wide
- Establish a concurrency service area
- Concurrency system must be financially feasible

Ms. Wright stated if there were a persistent overcrowding problem at a facility, there were two options to get the school into compliance: build more permanent capacity or perform a school boundary change.

Ms. Wright informed Council that in 2009, the District's survey identified that there were more seats than students district-wide and because of that, the State took away the authority for District 2 to build new capacity. This had resulted in taking out much of what had been in the five year plan and since they cannot build, this has left the District

with the only option which is to do school boundary changes in order to meet the level of service at deficient schools.

Ms. Wright presented maps indicating [in red] schools they anticipated would not meet the level of service after five years. Another map demonstrated the “domino scenario” they would need to implement if they only used boundary changes to comply. Ms. Wright remarked that thousands of students would be moved out of the schools they currently attended, despite the fact that in most cases, there were portable classrooms available to house them. Therefore, Ms. Wright said they were proposing an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement to set the level of service at 100% gross capacity, including portables for 10 years, and to retain their concurrency service areas as individual school boundaries. A second set of amendments the District was willing to sponsor included timeframes and processes.

Ms. Wright showed a rendering of the District at 100% gross capacity level of service, which showed significantly less red areas where the level of service was not being met. She noted that this would avoid the domino scenario she had described earlier; it would subject fewer students to the boundary process; it would maintain the integrity of the community and neighborhood schools and supported the concept of schools as focal points; it would provide savings and increased safety on student bussing; it would enhance the utilization of capacity at schools; it would allow portable classrooms to be used to meet levels of service and set a new five-year deadline for all concurrency service areas to meet the level of service.

Ms. Wright warned that any potential changes to the Interlocal Agreement would not stop all future boundary changes from occurring because there were issues regarding equity in educational resources that may require future realignment.

Ms. Wright hoped all municipalities would adopt the Interlocal Agreement by May so it could be transmitted to the Department of Community of Affairs to approve prior to the beginning of the school boundary process in September.

Planning and Zoning Manager David Quigley said this would be on Council’s second April meeting agenda.

Mayor Paul said Council had already discussed this and drafted a resolution to support it. She remarked that redistricting had a negative impact on communities, and she was pleased about this amendment. She said Davie wanted Davie Elementary School students the have the right to go to Nova Middle School and Nova High School. She noted the students could walk to these schools and it did not make sense to bus them elsewhere. The rest of Council agreed. Mayor Paul asked Ms. Wright to consider this again.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss and no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Approved _____

Mayor/Councilmember

Town Clerk